



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

MEMO

To: BCWMC Commissioners
From: Laura Jester, Administrator
Date: June 12, 2018

RE: Upcoming CIP Project Schedules

There are several upcoming CIP project schedules that are atypical. I wanted to update you on the status of these projects and let you know what to expect in coming months.

2017 Main Stem Bassett Creek Erosion Repair Project (2017CR-M) = delayed construction

Spring 2018: Bidding complete and construction was ready to begin

Late April 2018: US Army Corps of Engineers issued letter requiring a field based cultural and historical survey of the project area. This was not anticipated and will delay construction. The field work and reporting for the investigation is estimated to be completed within 6-8 weeks after city approval. The Corps then requires additional time to review the report.

Due to an unrelated situation, Pioneer Paper (a business/landowner from whom construction access is necessary to complete much of the project) is requesting a delay in the project so they can manage their storage issues. However, they still strongly prefer spring/early summer construction in their portion of the project area. Therefore, it is anticipated that construction will proceed in winter/spring of 2019.

2018 Bassett Creek Park Phase I Dredging Project: Winnetka Pond (BCP-2) = typical schedule

- Summer 2017: County approved 2018 maximum levy
- September 2017: BCWMC held public hearing, ordered project, set final levy, entered agreement with city to design and construct the project
- April 2018: 50% design plans approved
- June 2018: 90% design plans considered
- Winter 2018/2019: Project construction

2019 DeCola Ponds Improvement Project (BC-2,3,8) = typical schedule, complete project funding available

- May 17, 2018: Feasibility study approved, maximum levy set for 2019
- July 10, 2018: County Board considers and makes recommendation on maximum levy request at a committee meeting (committee of the whole)
- July 24, 2018: County Board takes action on the committee recommendation on the maximum levy
- Early August: City signs MDNR grant agreement and contract for \$2.3M of Flood Damage Reduction funding (already committed by the MDNR and included in approved bonding bill)
- August 16, 2018: BCWMC holds public hearing, orders project, sets final levy, enters agreement with city to design and construct the project
- Fall 2018: Project design begins

2019 Westwood Lake Improvement Project (WST-2) = design ahead of schedule

- May 17, 2018: Feasibility study approved, maximum levy set for 2019
- July 10, 2018: County Board considers and makes recommendation on maximum levy request at a committee meeting (committee of the whole)
- July 19, 2018: Commission reviews and considers 50% design plans in order to coincide with the city's Westwood Hills Nature Center redevelopment project. Design will be completed by a consultant (Barr Engineering) under contract with the city. The city understands the slight financial risk it encumbers in the event the maximum levy is not approved by the County or the Commission doesn't officially order the project after the public hearing in August.
- July 24, 2018: County Board takes action on the committee recommendation on the maximum levy
- August 16, 2018: BCWMC holds public hearing, orders project, sets final levy, enters agreement with city to design and construct the project
- August 16, 2018: Commission reviews and considers 90% design plans
- Spring 2019: Construction begins

2020 Crane Lake Improvement Project via Ridgedale Drive (CL-3) = feasibility/design ahead of schedule

- August or September 2018: BCWMC reviews and considers feasibility study completed by city consultant (in conjunction with Ridgedale Drive Reconstruction Project)
- September 2018: BCWMC reviews and considers 60% project designs.
- November 2018: BCWMC reviews and considers 90% project designs.
[The city understands the financial risk it encumbers in the event the maximum levy is not approved by the County or the Commission doesn't officially order the project after the public hearing in August/September 2019.]
- May 2019: BCWMC sets maximum levy for 2020
- August/September 2019: BCWMC holds public hearing, orders project, sets final levy, enters agreement with city to design and construct the project

2020 Bryn Mawr Meadows Improvement Project (BC-5) = ahead of schedule because recently moved from 2019 project to 2020 project

- July 19, 2018: Commission reviews and considers draft feasibility study
- Later summer 2018: Commission reviews and considers final feasibility study and sets project budget for 2020 levy
- May 2019: Commission sets maximum levy for 2020
- June/July 2019: County Board considers maximum levy request
- August/September 2019: BCWMC holds public hearing, orders project, sets final levy, enters agreement with city to design and construct the project

2020 Jevne Park Stormwater Pond (ML-21) = typical schedule

- July 19, 2018: BCWMC considers proposal from Commission Engineer to draft feasibility study
- Fall/Winter 2018/2019: Feasibility study underway
- March 2019: BCWMC reviews and considers draft feasibility study
- May 2019: BCWMC reviews and considers final feasibility study and sets maximum levy for 2020
- August/September 2019: BCWMC holds public hearing, orders project, sets final levy, enters agreement with city to design and construct the project